

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL FORESTRY AND ORCHARDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote agricultural forestry and orchards in the country especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided to each State for the purpose during the last three years and also in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Land Resources is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Technology Development Extension and Training for Development of Non-Forest Wastelands. Under this Scheme, pilot projects are sanctioned to various State Agricultural Universities/ICAR Institutes for testing Agro-Forestry models in different agro-climatic regions of the country, including Maharashtra. Besides, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is implementing an All India Coordinated Research Project on Agro-Forestry in the country through 27 State Agricultural Universities and 10 ICAR Institutes. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation / Complementations of States' Efforts through Work Plans assistance is being extended to all the State Governments to take up diversified farming systems in the arable and non-arable lands in the identified watersheds in the Rainfed Areas as well as in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers. Under this scheme, assistance is also being extended for the development of fruits in the country.

(c): The State-wise details of financial assistance provided by the Department of Land Resources and the ICAR is given in the Statement at Annexure I.